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resulted in the following picture of military rail supply shipments from the
USSR in September 1953:

<u>Kind of supply</u>	<u>Number of carloads</u>
Ammunition	61
Fuel	48
Heavy weapons	58
Tanks	-
Armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars	197
Motor vehicles	295
Small arms and army equipment	21
Engineer equipment	38
Signal equipment	4
Tank spare parts	60
Motor vehicle spare parts	71
Medical equipment	-
Food ration supply	23
Articles of clothing	27
FX goods	-
Aircraft	-
Air force equipment	91
Unidentified military goods	103
	<u>1,097</u>

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For the second time since June 1953, the monthly average of 1,000 carloads
as determined for 1952 has been surpassed. The supply operations, which
had started in May 1953, continued in September, with about 200 armored
personnel carriers and armored scout cars, including about 140 for the KVP,
and about 60 rocket launchers arriving in September. The total of vehicles
and guns shipped from the USSR between May and late September 1953 thus
amounted to about 650 armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars,
including 150 vehicles for the KVP, and about 330 rocket launchers. The
growing volume of military supplies from the USSR is a significant factor in
the Soviet Union's military buildup.

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No less than 300 new motor vehicles and tractors, including 50 to 70 motor vehicles for the air force equipment depot at Strausberg alone arrived during this period. [REDACTED]. The ammunition supply which was rather small included 22 carloads for the filling of the new troop depot at Bad Saarow. The fact that this installation, although a division depot only, received 300 to 350 tons of ammunition again confirms that small organizational ammunition depots are also well-stocked up. [REDACTED] The supply of tank spare parts and food rations was still unusually small. While the low tank spare part supply may be made up by increased deliveries from Soviet-Zone production, the small ration supply shipments cannot be accounted for. It had rather been expected that because of the diminished stocks of the Frankfurt/Oder main depot supply shipments would arrive at an increased rate and above average. [REDACTED]. It cannot be said to what extent the depot will be refilled with Soviet-Zone deliveries. The supply of motor vehicle spare parts increased, especially with regard to iron and steel raw material. The volume of other supply goods was low and indicated no special operations.

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